

**Kirkland Transportation Commission**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Chair Samdahl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members Present: Tom Neir, Mike Snow, Sandeep Singhal, Tom Pendergrass, Carl Wilson, Colin Pate. Kirkland Staff Present: Ray Steiger, Dave Godfrey Public Works Department; Angela Ruggeri Planning and Community Development Services. Audience: Lisa McConnell, Jim Hunt, Dave Wager, Alex O'Reilly, members of the Kirkland Senior Council.

**New Member**

Youth member Colin Pate introduced himself to the Commission.

**Approval of meeting notes from February 23, 2011 meeting.**

Approved unanimously with the following four edits: 1) **Call to Order** delete "other" at end of attendance list. 2) **Public Comment** add "from a resident" between "comments" and "encouraging" in the first sentence. 3) **Metro Strategic Plan** add "technical" between "the" and "methods" in the last sentence. 4) **Lake Washington Boardwalk** add "removing parking for a day" at the end of the last sentence.

**Public Comment**

Lisa McConnell commented on the final Eastside Rail Corridor Statement. She supported the statement in general and also hoped that the corridor would allow connections within the City. She also announced a "neighborhood scramble" event scheduled for May 22 that uses the corridor in part.

**Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement.**

The Commission noted that the City Council approved the Final Eastside Corridor Interest Statement on April 19th. Staff was directed to post the Interest Statement to the City Website and distribute it to the Cities of Bellevue, Redmond and to King County.

**Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative**

Senior Council member Dave Wager introduced Alex O'Reilly who gave a presentation describing the Easy rider Collaborative and the transportation needs of vulnerable citizens. Commissioners asked questions and made comments including: As the Commission looks at level of service, the needs of Seniors and those with disabilities should be considered; Does the Active Transportation Plan address the needs of Seniors? Is there a Senior volunteer taxi service? The Commission directed staff to send links to the Commission work plan, Transportation Conversations and the Active Transportation Plan to the presenters.

**Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement**

The Commission reviewed the results of outreach on the draft statement and then offered comments on how to improve it. The Commission directed staff to prepare a revised final version based on the Commission's comments and to have it reviewed by the Commission in time for presentation at the April 19 City Council meeting.

**Central Houghton Neighborhood Plan**

Angela Ruggeri gave a summary of the process followed to arrive at the current plan document. The Commission reviewed and commented on the document including the following comments: Policy CH 9.2, clarify or find another term for "street furniture". Policy CH 9.4 is not consistent in treatment of commuters. Is it volume of commuters or volume of commuter vehicles that's a concern? Goal 9 should include transit. Policy CH 9.1 is not clear about the concern. It seems to be that reduced volume is what's desired, but some of the language could suggest otherwise. Plan should reference the Eastside Rail Corridor interest statement.

**Level of Service**

The Commission reviewed the proposed methods for pedestrian level of service. There was much discussion about whether nodes should be evaluated for level of service or some other system should be used. The Commission also asked that: safety be included, walkscore.com be evaluated for inclusion in the process,

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methods used in the Active Transportation Plan be evaluated. Staff was directed to bring back the previous level of service methods at the next meeting.

#### **Totem Lake**

The Commission reviewed a document that sorted statements from the neighborhood plan by the principles in the Transportation Conversation. There was some discussion and a request to bring back thoughts from the Totem Lake symposium so that the Commission could brainstorm specific ideas to deliver to Council.

#### **Updates from Commissioners and Staff**

Staff updated the Commission on the Metro Strategic Plan and a request from Feet First to be an agenda city. There were no comments from Commissioners.

**Meeting adjourned** Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:45 p.m.